

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Jim Gibbons, Governor Allen Biaggi, Director

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Leo M. Drozdoff, P.E., Administrator

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Amendment of Regulations of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Web Posting Date: 08/25/08

The Administrator is proposing new groundwater regulations to govern discharges of pollutants to groundwaters of the State. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) will hold public hearings and workshops at the following locations to solicit comments from interested parties:

Elko

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 - 4:00PM - 6:00PM Great Basin College - Social Room 1500 College Parkway Elko, Nevada 89801

Winnemucca

Thursday, September 11, 2008 - 1:00 PM - 3:00PM Humboldt County Courthouse - Room 201 50 West 5th Street Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

Carson City

Monday, September 15, 2008 - 3:00PM - 5:00PM Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bryan Building - Hearing Room 200 901 South Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Pahrump

Wednesday - September 17, 2008 - 3:00PM - 5:00PM Bob Ruud Community Center 150 North Highway 160 Pahrump, Nevada 89060

Las Vegas

Thursday, September 18, 2008 - 2:00PM - 4:00PM Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Red Rock Conference Room 2030 East Flamingo Road - Suite 230

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This regulation would amend Nevada's Water Pollution Control regulations contained in NAC 445A. As way of background, NDEP has historically used federal Safe Drinking Water Act standards for determining or developing groundwater pollution prevention measures in Nevada.

Accordingly, NDEP has developed this regulation to protect groundwaters of the State that have the potential to become a drinking water source. The regulation would provide NDEP with reasonable permitting flexibility to limit discharges to groundwater which would not cause the receiving groundwater to exceed specific criteria defined in the proposed regulation.

This regulation will not have an immediate or long-term adverse economic impact on the public or the business community. There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation and the regulation does not overlap, duplicate or conflict with any regulations of other government agencies. The regulation does not address fees. There will be no additional costs to the agency for enforcement of these amendments.

Persons wishing to comment or object to any of the Administrator's proposed regulation changes may do so by attending a workshop and making public comment, or submitting their comment, in writing, by September 19, 2008 either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Attn Alan Tinney - Bureau of Water Pollution Control - Permitting Branch
901 South Stewart Street - Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

All comments or objections received within the fifteen (15) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the proposed regulation changes. All comments must be received by **September 19**, **2008**. If the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The proposed groundwater regulations are:

- 1. Available at: http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_092408.htm#r181-08
- 2. On file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Alan Tinney or Kim Meyers in the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9414 or (775) 687-9442 respectively.
- 3. Please submit e-mails comments to: Alan Tinney atinney@ndep.nv.gov

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be

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interested in this matter.

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify **Kim Meyers** no later than 5 business days before the workshop you plan to attend.

This Notice of Intent has been posted at the following locations:

Nevada State Library 100 North Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89701 Division of Environmental Protection 901 South Stewart Street - Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701

Division of Environmental Protection 2030 East Flamingo Road Suite 230 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119-0837